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SUBJECT: GON POLICY ON GANJA PRODUCTION

1. ACCORDING TO TIMES OF INDIA REPORT, IN PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF GON BUDGET ON JULY 6, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE THAPA TOLD NEWSMEN THAT GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO BAN HASHISH CULTIVATION AND THAT EXISTING POLICY AGAINST ISSUE OF PERMITS FOR CULTIVATION, SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF CANNABIS WOULD CONTINUE. DR THAPA REPORTEDLY POINTED OUT THAT GON WAS FOREGOING SIZEABLE REVENUE IN ENFORCING ANTI-NARCOTIC MEASURES. HE STRESSED THAT INTERESTS OF FARMERS WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION BEFORE ENFORCING ANY BLANKET BAN ON HEMP CULTIVATION. SEMI-OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF SAME QUESTION AND ANSWER APPEARING IN RISING NEPAL QUOTED DR THAPA AS SAYING THAT LAW AGAINST CULTIVATION OF HEMP WOULD BE INTRODUCED AS SOON AS THESE LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED COULD BE PROVIDED WITH NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS."

2. A RELIABLE NEPALESE JOURNALIST WHO WAS PRESENT AT PRESS CONFERENCE AND WHO SUBSEQUENTLY TALKED PRIVATELY TO FINANCE MINISTER, HAS TOLD US THAT IT IS GON INTENTION NOT TO INTRODUCE DRUG LEGISLATION UNTIL CROP SUBSTITUTION MEASURES ADOPTED AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IRONED OUT. MINISTER THAPA REPORTEDLY TOLD HIM THAT IT WAS HIS PERSONAL VIEW THERE WAS NO NEED FOR LEGISLATION

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SINCE CULTIVATION PROBLEMS COULD BE HANDLED THROUGH EXISTING

LICENSING MECHANISMS. GON, HE SAID, DID NOT NOW INTEND TO REQUEST
ASSISTANCE FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS IN MEETING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS
POSED BY BAN ON GANJA PRODUCTION.
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